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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 661  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jimmy Lee Kerrigan,  
2002 Co-Valedictorian of Gallatin High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through, their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Lee Kerrigan is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Gallatin High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Kerrigan has achieved outstanding academic success, earning an exemplary 5.125 Grade Point Average, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Lee Kerrigan has earned numerous honors during his high school career, including the Youth Legislature's Joe M. Rodgers Outstanding Statesperson Award, the Model United Nations Outstanding Delegate Award, and the Harvard Prize Book; he has been honored with a Sumner County Board of Commissioners Resolution and has been a vital

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participant in the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, the Governor's School for the Humanities, and the Washington University High School Summer Scholars program; and

WHEREAS, he is a National Merit Finalist and has been included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, he has participated with distinction in Mock Trial competition; the Science Olympiad, and the Business Professionals of America State Keyboarding Competition; he is a valuable member of the Mathematics Competition Team and World History Competition Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kerrigan is an extremely active member of his school and community, participating in the Young Republicans, the Business Professionals of America, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Spanish Club, ABC, the Boy Scouts of America, Gallatin Cares, and the Adopt-A-Highway program; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected leader among his peers, he has participated in Youth Legislature, Model United Nations, the United States Senate Youth Program, American Legion Boys' State, and Tennessee Tomorrow, which he is presently serving as President; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kerrigan is a devout Christian and is an active member of the youth group at First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his mother, Ann Kerrigan, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kerrigan's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success in college and throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Jimmy Lee Kerrigan, 2002 Co-

Valedictorian of Gallatin High School, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for much happiness and every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.